Incidents of firing by Pakistani troops on Jammu and Kashmir borders

1417. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:

SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of times when Pakistani troops opened fire on the border in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three months;

(b) the number of casualties which took place in each incident; and

(c) whether any protest has been lodged with the Pakistan Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) There have been some cases of unprovoked firing by Pakistani troops across the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir during the last 3 months resulting in some casualties on both sides. It would not be desirable to disclose details.

(c) Flag meetings at the local Commanders' level are held, as also contacts at higher levels both in Army Headquarters and through Diplomatic channels, are made, to defuse a situation as and when the need arises.

Tour of Muslim population areas of Kerala by former Minister of Kuwait

1418. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some former Ministers in Kuwait were blacklisted by the Government of India for their anti-Indian statements, entered into Kerala and toured majority of Muslim population areas;

(b) if so, why their entry was not banned by the Indian authorities, since their entry is in clear violation of the order issued by the Government of India; and

(c) what steps Government have taken against the officials who have flouted the orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) to (c) According to the State Government of Kerala, two Kuwaiti nationals S/Shri Al Syed Yusaf, Sayed Hashim Al Refai and Shaik Anwar S. Yacoub Al Refai were granted landing permit by the Port Registration Officer, Trivandrum despite the fact that these persons were on the prior approval category of the Government of India. The State Government have ordered a detailed enquiry into the matter and have placed the erring officials under suspension.

Setting up of Councils for national integration in States

1419. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to set up Councils for national integration in each State to propagate anti-communalistic and anti-religious activities and to counter terrorism in the country; and

(b) if so, by when this programme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal of the Central Government to set up councils for National Integration in each State.

However, in pursuance of the recommendations made in April, 1981 by the Committee on communal & caste Harmony-set up by the National Integration Council (1980) the State Government/Union Territories were addressed in this regard. In order to promote communal harmony some of the State Governments have set up State/District level National Integration Committees.